

JANUARY 30, 1816.

Read twice, and committed to a committee of the whole House
to-morrow.

A Bill

To amend the Act confirming certain powers on the Levy Court for the County of Washington, in the District of Columbia, passed the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and twelve.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That*
3 the Levy Court for the county of Washington, in the District
4 of Columbia, be, and they are hereby authorized and empow-
5 ered to raise, by taxes on the persons and property within the
6 said county of Washington, the sum of fifty thousand dollars,
7 to be by them appropriated to the purpose of purchasing a
8 site, and erecting thereon a penitentiary, in and for the said
9 county of Washington, in the district aforesaid

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That the said Levy Court*
2 for the county of Washington aforesaid, are hereby authorized
3 to raise, in one or more years, according to their discretion,

4 the said sum of fifty thousand dollars : and to the end that the
 5 said penitentiary may be erected as expeditiously as possible,
 6 the said Levy Court are hereby authorized to anticipate, by
 7 loans, the whole or any part of the said fifty thousand dollars,
 8 as to them may seem most conducive to the establishment of
 9 the said penitentiary.

1 SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the said Levy Court
 2 be, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to impose
 3 on all marriage licenses, issued within the said county of
 4 Washington, a tax equal to that which was heretofore paid
 5 within the limits of this district, now called the county of
 6 Washington, under the laws of Maryland, upon all marriage
 7 licenses.

1 SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That the said Levy
 2 Court are hereby authorized to impose and levy a duty of one
 3 per centum upon all sales at auction, within the said county
 4 of Washington, in the district aforesaid. And the said Levy
 5 Court are hereby authorized to appropriate all such sums of
 6 money as they are hereby authorized to raise, to the purpose
 7 of erecting, maintaining, and keeping in repair the penitentiary
 8 to be erected in the said county of Washington, and district
 9 aforesaid.